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- 1. DURING DEC 22 CONVERSATION, QATAR'S MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM, SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, WHO APPAREBRTLY IS ONLY OPEC MINISTER NOT RPT NOT PRESENT IN VIENNA, TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT GOQ HAS ONLY FRAGMENTARY AND CONFUSING REPORTS ON PRESENT STATUS OF TERRORIST ACTION AGAINST OPEC IN VIENNA. HE SAID GOA HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH QATARIS, WHO AGREED TO APPROVE ANY ACTION THAT HAD TO BE TAKEN TO SAVE LIVES OF HOSTAGES.
- 2. ABDUL AZIZ CRITICIZED AUSTRIAN SECURITY MEASURES AS OBVIOUSLY INADEQUATE. HE SAID NOT EVEN ID CARD WAS NECESSARY TO ENTER OPEC BUILDING, AND GOA SHOULD CERTAINLY HAVE TIGHTENED THINGS UP AFTER BOMB SCARE AT LAST MINISTERIAL. ABDUL AZIZ CONFIRMED THAT ALI JAIDAH, DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM AFFAIRS, WAS HEADING GOQ DELEGATION TO MEETING, AND THAT JAIDAH AND THREE GOQ EXPERTS WERE AMONG HOSTAGES.
- 3. DURING CONVERSATION, ABDUL AZIZ RECEIVED PHONE CALL INFORMING HIM OF BBC REPORT THAT SAUDI MINISTER YAMANI HAD BEEN INJURED AT AIRPORT. ASKED ABOUT HIS NON-ATTENDANCE AT MINISTERIAL, ABDUL AZIZ SAID THAT FINAL STAGES OF GOQ BUDGET PREPARATION AND OTHER COMMITMENTS HAD KEPT HIM IN DOHA. PAGANELLI

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